

## N. B. FARMERS MUST RAISE MORE PURE BRED STOCK

**Wool to be Put Through a Grading Process Next Summer--Stations are to be Established at Fredericton and Moncton--Scrub Sire Must be Got Through with--Importation of Pure Bred Stock to be Encouraged.**

The Greater Production Campaign necessarily must be given careful attention until every farmer is canvassed and seed is supplied to all requiring it, but the other activities that belong to a department cannot be neglected except at a loss to the country and which ultimately would mean a decrease in the general production throughout the province. Some agricultural work will be undertaken, that is, somewhat new in the province and other activities will only be speeded up.

### Co-operative Marketing of Wool.

Wool in the past was sold for whatever it would bring upon the local markets. No attention was given to the marketing because very few understood the requirements of the woolen manufacturers. Investigation revealed that under a proper system of grading the wool could be made worth more to the manufacturer and at the same time a great deal of educational work could be done and more dollars placed in the pockets of the farmers. The producer and consumer could be brought much nearer to-

gether. Under this system the producer receives the face value of his wool according to quality. Good returns can be had by caring for the sheep properly, by adequate feeding and housing and giving thought to the breeding. Every sheep owner will be given the opportunity to put his wool through a grading station next summer. About 200 meetings will be held throughout the province where this problem and the sheep industry will be discussed. Agricultural societies will receive particular attention and where none exist and the farmers are willing, small organizations will be formed through which the Department may work. The grading stations will be at Fredericton and Moncton. Bags, paper, twine and shipping tags will be sent out by the Department and the wool will be received at the grading station, weighed and a receipt will be forwarded to the shipper together with a check for at least 75 per cent. of the value of the wool. The wool in the grading stations will be insured. The Dominion Department of Agriculture will

supply a competent grader. The wool will then be offered for sale and immediately the returns are in, every farmer will receive the final payment on the wool together with a statement showing how the wool is graded.

An effort will be made to prevent the sale of lambs until they are ready for the market. The system of selling lambs at an early date is detrimental to the industry financially, and has no educational features to recommend it. Every man should try to place a finished product of high quality upon the market and the system of early selling which is in vogue in some parts of the province does not induce the production of such animals.

Perhaps no other endeavors will do as much to arouse keen interest in the raising of sheep as the two above mentioned activities and it is acknowledged by all that this province should carry far larger numbers of sheep of much higher quality.

### Pure Bred Sires.

The scrub sire is one of the greatest drawbacks to New Brunswick's livestock industry. They cause deterioration in the livestock, unthrifty animals, poor prices, engender lack of interest and give no encouragement to any man to concentrate attention and care too often lead to dissatisfaction and a miserable slipshod system of animal industry. There would be many thousands more farmers in the province today if the scrub sires had been replaced years ago by pure breds. A lively interest in stock cannot be maintained except there is excellence in the animals.

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because the market for good animals has been depressed.

However, New Brunswick is not the only sinner in this regard, every province has its share, but we have too large a share. Until the pendulum swings the other way every effort will be put forth by the Department to eliminate the scrub sire and replace him with a pure bred.

The importation of pure bred stock will be encouraged, more especially sheep and dairy cattle. Last fall about 1,200 breeding sheep were handled and, if reports are criteria, far more will be necessary for 1918. Inquiries for dairy cows are coming in and the importation in car lots is anticipated.

Moncton Co-operative Creamery. The farmers in Albert, Westmorland and Kent counties have decided at the suggestion of the Department of Agriculture, to manufacture butter in a co-operative manner at Moncton. Stock has been subscribed, organization effected, a site secured, supplies ordered, manager engaged and a general scheme for operation has been outlined. Much work has to be done in the organization for cream shipping and in the instruction necessary for the care of cream. The educational efforts will be undertaken by the Department insofar as required.

Stallion Enrolment. Last season an effort was made but it was taken up at too late a date to have the desired effect. Every stallion that is to be travelled will be inspected before the season opens and any stallion owner travelling an unregistered stallion will have to be prepared for the consequences. Here again the scrub sire is to be given his proper rating and ultimately his place will be taken by a pure bred. It may take a few years to accomplish the movement. Definite inspection points and dates will be named.

Pruning Campaign. The great scarcity of labor is accountable for many orchards failing to bear a large crop and to overcome this an arrangement has been thrown open to the orchardists and as a result many orchards are now pruned. The Horticultural Division sends out competent pruners who are paid a flat rate by the farmers for the actual hours worked and they also have to duplicate the amount of time put in by the Departmental men. They also agree to spray and take proper care of the orchards through the summer.

Strawberries. A partial survey has been made and will be completed next spring. An effort to avert the glut will be made. This is a very difficult undertaking because the date of ripening in the province as compared to other places influences very largely the opportuni-

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